

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

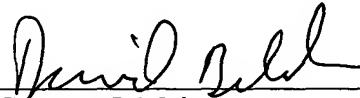
Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application with Claims 18-22 having been canceled by the present amendment.

This application is a divisional application of parent application Serial No. 10/152,788, filed on May 23, 2002, and is directed to non-elected claims 1-17.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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